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PASS TREASURY FOR SECRETARY SIMON FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SECRETARY SIMON'S VISIT TO INDIA

REF: STATE 044081

1. I JUST ARRIVED YESTERDAY AND ALMOST THE FIRST THING I LEARNED WAS THE GOOD NEWS THAT DOLLY AND I WILL BE SEEING YOU, AND I HOPE CAROL, HERE IN INDIA IN A LITTLE MORE THAN A MONTH'S TIME.

2. THE TENTATIVE TIMING OF YOUR VISIT SOUNDS JUST FINE. I THINK THAT VISITS TO NEW DELHI, BOMBAY AND MADRAS WILL GIVE YOU A PRETTY GOOD OVERVIEW OF INDIA SINCE IT WILL GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO SEE THE CAPITAL, THE CHIEF BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL CENTER, AND TO SAMPLE LIME IN THE SOUTH.

3. I AM COUNTING ON YOU TO STAY WITH US AT ROOSEVELT HOUSE WHILE IN DELHI. WE WILL MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR THE REST OF THE PARTY AT THE ASHOKA HOTEL WHICH IS CLOSE TO THE EMBASSY AND FOR YOU AND THE REST OF YOUR PARTY AT THE TAJ COROMANDEL IN MADRAS AS SOON AS WE GET A FIRM LIST OF NAMES.

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4. I THINK TWO DAYS IN NEW DELHI WILL BE JUST RIGHT. I SUGGEST

YOU THINK ABOUT TELESOPING YOUR OFFICIAL PROGRAM INTO ONE DAY SO THAT YOU WILL HAVE THE SECOND DAY IN THE DELHI AREA FOR SEEING SOMETHING OF THE CITY OR GOING TO AGRA. IS THERE ANYBODY IN PARTICULAR THA YOU WANT TO SEE WHILE HERE?

5. IF YOU DEPART FOR BOMBAY EARLY FRIDAY, THE 18TH, YOU WILL HAVE TIME FOR LUNCH AND A FULL AFTERNOON OF ACTIVITIES IN BOMBAY. I THINK A SPPECH IN BOMBAY IS A FINE IDEA AND FEEL SURE THAT THE INDO/AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, HEAD-QUARTERED IN BOMBAY, WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO HOST AND SPONSOR THIS EVENT.

6. AN EARLY MORNING DEPARTURE FROM BOMBAY TO MADRAS ON SATURDAY, THE 19TH, WILL ALLOW YOU TO ARRIVE IN MADRAS EARLY ENOUGH SO THAT YOU CAN VISIT AN IFI PROJECT ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON. THIS WILL LEAVE YOU SUNDAY AND MONDAY MORNING FREE TO TAKE IT EASY PRIOR TO YOUR ONWARD TRAVEL TO NANILA. I'LL BE ASKING THE CONSUL GENERAL IN MADRAS TO GIVE ME A LIST OF IFI PROJECTS IN THE MADRAS AREA AND WILL SEND IT ON AS SOON AS I GET IT.

7. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU. IN THE MEANTIME WE WILL BE WORKING ON A MORE DETAILED SCHEDULE.

8. WITH BEST WISHES.
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